

In the spring of 1969, Disney employees plowed through avalanches at least 15 feet high to reach the site of the destroyed store and cabins by Memorial Day when cabin owners customarily came in to open their cabins for the summer. When they reached the demolished store, they shoveled off the snow, poured on gasoline and set fire to it and later bulldozed the area so there was little evidence of what had occurred. Unfortunately, the Disney Corporation never rebuilt the store/post office.

There are many references to the mining activity at Mineral King, but I found nothing about The Mineral King Silver, Lead and Zinc Mine. It was located above the meadow trail from Cold Springs Camp Ground to the parking lot at the end of the road. Supplies were brought to the mine via a cable going across the river to a camp site near the road, as there was no road to the mine. It operated until around 1940. It was a small operation, but was probably one of the reasons Mineral King was not included in Sequoia National Park earlier and was the last active mine at Mineral King.

Again, thank you for an excellent work.

Sincerely,

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